Teak and Sandalwood Forest.

Q.—362. Sri SIRASAPPA IJARI (Harapanahalli).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the extent of forest yielding teak and sandalwood ;

(*b*) whether there are any proposals to improve the area and the yield ;

(*c*) whether any complaints have been received about the destruction of forest in Sandur area and whether any action has been taken by them against such disafforestation ?

A.—Dr. R. NAGAN GOWDA (Minister for Agriculture).—

(*a*) Since Sandal and Teak grow along with many other species of trees in the forests of the State, it is not possible to compute this information.

(*b*) Raising teak plantations is an annual feature of the Forest Department. Though no regular Sandal tree plantations can be raised for the reason that Sandal is a root parasite and cannot be grown in the form of a plantation, dibbling seeds of Sandal under bushes is done every year for increasing the extent of Sandalwood trees in forests.

(*c*) Yes. The matter is under investigation.

Village Offices.

Q.—168. Sri B. RACHIAH (Yelandur—Scheduled Castes).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the total extent of service inam land in the possession of registered Baravardars holding village offices ;

(*b*) the total number of persons who receive potgi and the total amount;

(*c*) whether all the service lands are exempted from payment of assessment ;

(*d*) whether they intend to abolish these hereditary offices and make regular appointments restricting the number of posts ?

A.—Sri Kadidal MANJAPPA (Minister for Revenue and Public Works).—

(*a*) 1,38,993 acres and 26 guntas.

(*b*) (1) 39,751.

(2) Rs. 15,36,847-3-9.

(*c*) No.

(*d*) No.

Medical Probationers.

Q.—303. Sri G. SIVAPPA (Holalkere).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether they have appointed 18 medical probationers in October 1953 ;

(*b*) if so, their names, community and order of ranking ;

(*c*) the principles they applied for fixing the ranking of the probationers;

(*d*) whether this is not in accordance with the Public Service Commission's recommendation that the ranking of these probationers was fixed ;

(*e*) whether these persons were not appointed in accordance with the same ranking fixed by the Public Service Commission and accepted by the Government in 1953 by a Government Order ;

(*f*) whether there is any further recommendation from the Public Service Commission to the Government deviating from the previous recommendation sent to the Government before the Government Order of 1953 ?

A.—Sri T. CHANNIAH (Minister for Public Health and Local Self-Government).—

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Please see statement below.

(*c*) The Public Service Commission furnish the order of ranking.

(*d*) Yes, except in regard to Sri Chamaraj.

(*e*) Yes.

(*f*) Yes. The matter is under consideration of Government.

Medical Probationers selected by the Commission during 1952-53 and approved by Government in their Order No. M. 12387-89—Medl. 94-53-2, dated 10th November 1953.

Sriyuths—

1.	B. Gopalakrishna Rao, M.B.B.S.	...	Bhavasara Kshatriya
2.	M. Basavaraju, B.Sc., M.B.B.S.	...	Vokkaligar
3.	V. Ramachandriah, M.B.B.S.	...	Devanga
4.	M Rajasekharappa, M.B.B.S.	...	Lingayet
5.	V. Viswachandra Kumar, M.B.B.S.	...	Christian
6.	S. Chinna Pullay, M B.B.S.	...	Thigala
7.	H. V. Jeevandhara Kumar, M.B.B.S.	...	Jain
8.	S. R. Siddalingappa, M.B.B.S.	...	Lingayet
9.	N. A. Narayanaswamy, M.B.B.S.	...	Vokkaligar
10.	K. N. Ramaswamy, M.B.B S.	...	Satani
11.	M. Krishna Bhargava, M.B.B.S.	...	Agasa
12.	K. C. Basappa, M.B.B S.	...	Nagartha
13.	D. M. Satyanarayana Setty, M.B.B.S.	...	Vysya
14.	R. Rangappa, M.B.B.S.	...	Kunchitiga
15.	V. T. Bhima Reddy, M.B.B.S.	...	Vokkaligar (Reddy)
16.	M. Appaji, M.B.B.S.	...	Vokkaligar
17.	J. T. Ramalingam, M.B.B.S.	...	Ganiga
*18.	D. Chamaraj, M.B.B.S.	...	Adi-dravida (Scheduled Caste)

*Fixing the rank of Sri D. Chamaraj is under examination of Government.

Site for Harijan Hostel at Chintamani.

Q.—497. **Sri J. NARAYANAPPA** (Chintamani—Scheduled Castes). —

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether the site, situated to the North of "Pravasi Mandir" of Chintamani Town has been now sanctioned to build the Harijan Hostel, which was formerly intended to be sanctioned for the construction of a Girls' Middle School ;

(*b*) if so, its measurements and whether the possession of the said land has been given to the concerned committee of the said hostel ;

(*c*) whether it is under their contemplation to provide the grant required for the construction of the said Hostel as promised by the Hon'ble the Minister for Local Self-Government in his reply to the address presented to him last year by the Taluk Harijan Sangha ?

A.—**Sri T. CHANNIAH** (Minister for Public Health and Local Self-Government).—

(*a*) No.

(*b*) Does not arise in view of reply to clause (*a*).

(*c*) No such promise was made by the Minister.

Scale of Pay of Teachers (Enhancement).

Q.—435. **Srimathi Bellary SIDDAMMA** (Davangere).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether the grades of pay of teachers will be increased, considering increased burden cast upon them according to the scheme of educational reforms ;

(*b*) if so, the policy they would adopt ?

A.—**Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO** (Minister for Law and Education).—

(*a*) and (*b*) The matter is under consideration.